

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method for a document escrow service, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a document set to a trusted third party;
identifying designated parties;
providing detailed document processing instructions;
setting a process start date and a decision date;
transmitting the document set and the processing instructions to the designated recipients; and
determining a state of instruction compliance.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein transmitting the document set to the trusted third party further comprises the step of providing a working title and a document number for the document set.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein identifying designated recipients further comprises the step of providing contact information such as an address, a fax number and a telephone number for each of the designated recipients.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein providing detailed document processing instructions further comprises the steps of:

providing a list of involved parties;
choosing specific provided actions for each party; and
providing comments for each instruction.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein determining a manner of termination comprises the step of setting a process end date and establishing that termination shall occur upon instruction compliance.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein determining state of the instruction compliance further comprises the step of summarizing each instruction and compliance therewith.